

As someone who has moved from another part of the country to CT I can tell you that people will not move to CT, if they work in the NY area like many of us do. We chose to live in CT over NY and NJ and the decision was a slim one. Now that property taxes, schools and regulation are all equally bad in all three states the tolls may have been a tipping point for us to just buy a house in NY.

Now that I am here I like my community, but with rising taxes and regulations in CT the economic impact of a toll for me every day just for trying to go to work would have a huge economic impact on my ability to spend money in my community.

As someone who lives in the Danbury area the fallacy of stating we would have less congestion on the roads as well as better roads is one I have seen in California, Kansas, Missouri and other states. It is simply another revenue source...one that does not pay for the roads. Putting the tolls on the boarder shows it is just a revenue source, clear and simple.

Already overly taxed, super high gas taxes as well as limiting my freedoms to live will not divert me from driving from CT to NY state to work --- it will drive me to move out of state were I can live a better life for me and my family. It is unfortunate that many in New England do not understand we have a country west of the Hudson. We have better places to live, cheaper places, safer places, highly educated place and freedom embracing places. You are pushing people away because you continue to live in a bubble.

Please think. Please think of the impact on working people, families and ultimately the negative impact on the state.

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